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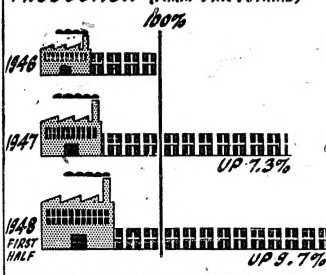
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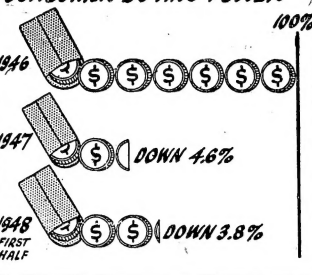
## C.C.F. Increases Its Vote By 60%

PRODUCTION UP, CONSUMPTION DOWN

### PRODUCTION (FARM & INDUSTRIAL)



### CONSUMER BUYING POWER



Official figures, which economists term "conservative," show how the scales of our economy are being tipped on the North American continent. While workers are producing more, their buying power is diminishing—a trend that has taken shape since the elimination of price controls. The chart is from the A.F. of L. publication, "Labor's Monthly Index" but it is equally applicable to Canada whose cost of living index is just 16 points below that of the United States.

### FARMERS' COSTS ARE NOW UP 89%

OTTAWA, (CPA).—Farmers' costs have advanced 23.6 points in the past year, in the records of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The survey was made in August, and shows that the four months between April and August brought a cost rise of six points.

It now costs the farmer 89% more to operate his farm and provide for his family than it did on the average in the period of 1935-1939. That is the period used by D.B.S. in comparing post-war increases in the economy.

The farmers' cost index includes prices of equipment and materials, (Continued on page 8)

### FINNEMORES BACK FROM GT. BRITAIN

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Finnemore, who have been holidaying in England for the past few months, returned to Edmonton this week much impressed with the manner in which the British Labor government is tackling its serious economic problems.

There are few wealthy people in England today, Mr. Finnemore told the People's Weekly, but the great mass of the people are enjoying a much higher standard of living than ever before. Due to (Continued on Page 7)

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L. H. P.

### AMERICAN EMPIRE

or, People's Weekly, Alberta's oil lands are largely under lease to American companies. An American controls Canadian nickel, and iron ore deposits are al-

### LIVING COSTS ON A PAR WITH U.S.

OTTAWA, (CPA).—The gap between the cost of living in the United States and Canada is rapidly closing, according to the latest statistics.

In its effort to keep up with the neighbors, Canada forsook the security of price control which two years ago held the cost of living index in this country 40 points below the spiralling decontrol figures in the United States.

Latest comparison shows the indexes just 16 points apart—159 for Canada on September 1, and nearly 175 for the United States on September 15.

### Democratic Socialism Is Certain to Come--Liesemer

Where democracy survives, democratic socialism is certain to come. A. J. E. Liesemer, CCF M.L.A. for Calgary, told an Alberta radio network audience on Thursday of last week. He pointed to the success of the Social Democrats in the Scandinavian countries

S. O. KIRKPATRICK, Edmonton.

### SECRET RULERS?

Editor, People's Weekly. Sir: In Edmonton there is a little group of men called the Citizens' Committee. It chooses candidates for the City Council and School Board. This year it looks as if the C.C. candidates will have no effective opposition, the rival civic group having disbanded. This leaves the little coterie of men who choose the candidates of the C.C. in complete control of the city's government. They pick and choose the Aldermen and

### Daily Press 'Surprised' At Algoma E.

BY DORIS FRENCH  
OTTAWA, (CPA).—This week the Liberal party is taking what comfort it can from by-election results in Algoma East and Rosthern, where Foreign Affairs Minister L. B. Pearson and Mr. W. A. Boucher retained seats which have both been Liberal since 1935. Results were much as predicted, but newspapers are heading their account of the elections with exclamations about "body blows to the C.C.F." They are still remembering the C.C.F. sweep of three by-elections last June—any election the C.C.F. party now fails to win is described as a mortal blow.

Opposing a V.I.P. (Very Important Person) in Algoma East, the C.C.F. candidate, Lorne Callahan, managed to increase the C.C.F. vote by nearly 60%. With 93 out of 105 polls heard from, Callahan received 2,174 votes compared to 1,468 in the 1945 election. The C.C.F. also had the satisfaction of finishing far ahead of the Social Credit candidate and Provincial leader, J. J. Fitzgerald, in this northern Ontario hotbed of Social Credit propaganda. The prospect of Social Credit being presented to the electorate as the only alternative to the government in power was a factor in the C.C.F. decision to enter the campaign.

Commenting on the results, the Edmonton Journal declared, "It is rather surprising to find the (Continued on Page 8)

FOOLS' EM



PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN

### Pollsters Completely Unreliable

WASHINGTON.—"Dewey is winning in a walk and Truman hasn't even an 'outside chance'" was the way the pollsters had the American presidential elections doped out.

But as the returns started to roll in Tuesday evening President Truman's chances looked remarkably good and as the People's Weekly goes to press it is reasonably certain that he will be the next president of the United States of America.

The result of Tuesday's election lends credence to the contention of Warren Moscow, who for 20 years has discussed politics and political leaders for the New York "Times." In his book, "Politics in the Empire State," he dismisses poll summaries as of little use in determining election results.

He remembers that in 1936 the "Literary Digest," which then conducted the most famous of all "polls," predicted the election of "Alf" Landon of Kansas for President. (Continued on Page 6)

### CREDIT UNIONS USED FOR PERSONAL SAVINGS

OTTAWA (CPA).—More than 76,000 people in Ontario are using the medium of credit unions to accumulate personal savings, according to the annual report on Operations of Credit Unions, 1947, prepared by the Co-operation and Markets Branch of the Ontario department of agriculture. Membership increased from 68,817 in 1946 to 76,081 in 1947—a gain of over 10%.

Total assets of the 293 credit unions reporting (out of 302) increased by nearly \$3,000,000 to reach \$12,253,284. During the year 35 new credit unions were chartered, of which 10 were rural groups.



### PERSONAL STUFF BY E. E. R.

That "tired radical" musing of mine last week seems to have caused a bit of fluttering in the C.C.F. family. I've been hearing about it. Was I scolding in a round-about way? Or doing a bit of oblique prodding? The answer is no. Frankly, I think the people who have been carrying the load in the C.C.F. in this province during the past dozen years are wonderful. I doubt if any group of men and women in any part of the world have shown greater devotion, greater loyalty, greater faith in an ideal than the people who have kept the C.C.F. in Alberta going since the debacle of 1935. I feel that so keenly, so gratefully, that if they all decided to call it a day I couldn't feel any bitterness about it. I wouldn't feel like scolding them, directly or indirectly. And I don't feel like prodding them, either. What right would I have to do it? None. If there is any prodding to be done I suggest it should be the other way around. Those who accept leadership responsibilities in a movement like the C.C.F. should be prodded from behind if they falter or faint, or if they grow weary of the struggle. If I had any complaint against Alberta C.C.F.'ers it would only be that—that they haven't done enough prodding. They've been almost too kind.

Well, what in reality was a soliloquy which I allowed readers of this column to overhear last week, was not, I repeat, in any sense a complaint. There was no cause for complaint. For example, have you been looking at that column in the paper each week headed, "Deficit Fund?" The receipts recorded there are for money sent in to make it possible to close the C.C.F. year without a deficit. The appeal to the membership to send in another two dollars could not have been sent out at a worse time. For one thing they had already given and given and given, to carry the expense (Continued on Page 8)

# It May Be A Question Of "LIFE OR DEATH"

Says Wm. Irvine, M. P.,  
in the accompanying article on the Berlin situation.

**N**EGOTIATIONS IN Moscow over the Berlin situation have not been successful. So far there is no sign of relaxing the embargo on the part of Russia. This tactic is not only one which is inflicting hardship and cruelty on the Germans who live in the British, American and French zones but affects adversely also the people in the Russian zone. For example, the embargo does paralyze the great seaport of Hamburg, but since much of Hamburg's business came from eastern Germany and from the Balkan states, now satellites of Russia, they are all equally stricken with paralysis.

The fact, therefore, is that the German people themselves are the pawns in the European political game. And it may well happen that Russian tactics in the political struggle may ultimately defeat her own purposes.

The good-will and confidence of the German people would appear to be an important factor to which ever side may win the political battle of Berlin.

## Strongly Resented

Officials of the German Socialist party say that out of 60,000 members, only 600 in all zones left the party to join the Russian Communists. Whether or not that may be taken as an accurate representation of the German attitude of mind, the fact remains that the 300,000 Berliners who assembled in the British zone on September 9th to shout defiance to the Russians, would indicate that the embargo and the provocative bullying of the Russian military force are being strongly resented.

Moreover, similar feelings appear to be finding expression in some of the satellite states such as Poland and Czechoslovakia. In order to survive Tito needed the trade which the embargo blocked. In consequence he has been forced, perhaps against his inclination, to seek a trade agreement with Britain which will be signed in a few days time. And so the struggle drifts on.

## Made Last Concession

It is probable that a similar situation at any other time in history would have brought war. The fact that open conflict has not resulted long ago is the best evidence that neither side wants a war. But things cannot go on indefinitely as they are now. At the moment Russia is determined to continue the embargo. The



DR. KURT SCHUMAKER, Chairman of the Social Democratic party in the British, French and American occupied zones of Germany. Officials of the Socialist party report that out of 60,000 members, only 600 in all zones left the party to join the Russian Communists.

British and Americans while doing everything possible to avoid war cannot do so at all costs.

It is possible as Munich taught us that to pay too much for peace is one way of making war certain. Britain and America have in all probability made their last retreat and their last concession. They will feed the peoples in their zones. If they can do so by airlift it is well. If not, they will have to do it by other means.

One cannot speak too highly of the calibre of the men in charge of affairs in the British zone.

## British Men Tops

Gen. Sir Brian Robertson is in charge of the entire British zone while Major General Bishop is in charge under him in Berlin. They are men of experience, of liberal minds and generous nature. They

are interested in the German people and are trying to give direction in matters of liberal education. They are very careful not to try and force on the German people a British pattern of education and of social life.

## Wise Educational Move

The people in the British zone have been given full control over their own educational system—the British educational authorities in the zone act merely in an advisory capacity. Efforts are made to bring German educationists under the influence of outside thought. It has been arranged that German teachers go to Britain and to other countries to study educational methods and, in particular, to observe just how students should regard history. The object of this is to bring about a wider humanitarian concept of history rather than that of a narrow national or racial concept.

## Study International Affairs

In addition the educational branch of the British occupying forces has been successful in influencing German educational authorities to include studies in international affairs in their schools and has been giving leadership in youth organizations.

The struggle now going on in a political guise is a struggle for the soul of Germany. And as General Robertson himself said in effect, the actual lives of the British as seen by the German people is one of the most potent ways of influencing the German mind and outlook.

The formation of a government for Western Germany is actually in process. This course was taken after Russia had refused the suggestion of the U.S.A. to help form a government representative of all Germany. When the Russians refused, steps were taken to bring together the "lander" or provincial governments in the French, U.S.A. and British sectors. There are four of these states or provinces within the British zone and each state is now carrying on its own local government. Recently a meeting of representatives of all the states of the Western zones was called at Bonn for the purpose of formulating a constitution for a Western German government. This was the move which Russia was trying to counteract when she imposed the blockade.

## Unity Remote

As opposed to the idea of



Every avenue has been explored in overcoming the food difficulty in Germany. These German peasants in Frankfurt, one of them with a child in a baby carriage, hurry into a grain field that has already been reaped to glean the fields for some particles of grain that might have fallen during the reaping.

the Western zones to build up German administration. Every responsibility except that of security has been handed over to the German people. This policy is not only believed to be good sense but it also is in keeping with the democratic principle for which the war was fought and in which Germany was defeated. In industry and trading, transport, agriculture, finance and manpower administration, German industrial and business leaders are being encouraged to take hold.

## Production Up

The old inflated mark stood in the way of any attempt at economic recovery. It changed its value from day to day as is the habit of all inflated currencies. People had no confidence in it and refused to exchange their real wealth for it. Something therefore had to be done. The issuing of a new currency resulted and from that moment, production began to improve. Industrial production in 1946 was 26 per cent of what it was in 1936; by 1948 production had climbed to 50 per cent of 1936 output. But one month after the issuing of the new currency production jumped up to 7 per cent of 1936.

The food difficulty has been overcome. People have now

sufficient for healthy living although there are few if any luxuries. The main task now is to increase industrial production so as to keep prices down.

## No Iron Curtain

There is no such thing as an iron curtain so far as the German people are concerned. They move freely from zone to zone. For instance, during the month of August last, 67,000 Germans moved out of the British zone into the Russian zone while slightly more than that number moved from the Russian zone to the British. Perhaps these were the same people visiting their friends but it means that the Germans in the British zone know exactly how things are going in the Russian zone while those in the Russian zone know what is happening in the British zone. If better and more food and fuel are distributed in one zone than in another it soon becomes common knowledge.

## Unemployed Doubled

But to return again for a moment to the effect of the new currency, we were told that while it had greatly increased production the unemployed had been doubled. There were for example 12,000 unemployed in Hamburg prior to the new currency whereas

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## TIERED RADICALS?

In the last issue of the People's Weekly our provincial leader in his "Personal Stuff" column touched on an interesting issue: the right to be a "tired radical." I am glad he did, even if, as he put it, he is not certain why he brought it up. I can assure the provincial leader that he need not apologize for fliriting with the idea of withdrawing into "some quiet eddy" and sitting it out. He is not alone in that temptation. And I may add, that if there is anyone who has earned the right to sit it out from now on, it is our provincial leader. It would be difficult to name another champion of the "case for socialism" in Canada who has given so unflinching of his energy and talent for the cause. I am sure I am not the only one in the movement who has wondered where he gets the energy for one with a slight frame like his. The nearest man I can think of in comparison with Elmer Roper is the founder of the C.C.F., the late James Woodsworth.

Of course, history has the record of many men who have suffered greater persecution and have lost their lives in the struggle. But they are in a class by themselves. It has been our good fortune not to be called upon for such sacrifices. Who knows, perhaps that is still in store.

I merely want to emphasize to readers of this column and to all members of the C.C.F. the need for more hands on deck. If you like, I am making a call for more "activists" in the movement to step out of those "quiet eddies" and help to man the ropes. With our provincial leader I share unbounded faith in the cause of socialism. One way or another humanity is moving toward the socialist way of life with increased tempo. It's like a rising tide surging everywhere in spite of the modern King Canutes who are trying to sweep it back with a broom. For Canada the C.C.F. is the ship of destiny that will take us or our children to a better way of life. It is just as inevitable as the advance of the British Labor party to power.

Structural changes may and will be made in the C.C.F. from time to time as changing conditions call for it. But it will not be replaced with any other craft. It's too late in the day—the tide is rising. Our sails are up and storm clouds are brewing. More hands will be needed on the deck—any time now.

This is no time to hide in an eddy. The provincial convention is only three weeks away. Next year is likely to see a federal election. If we are to be ready there is a lot of trimming to be done for the voyage. We have a good ship and a skilled captain and a mate. Let us show them that there will be no shortage of deckhands when the tide is high. Tired radicals—my eye! Tired radicals are no more use than dead radicals. I suggest that we take up the challenge of our provincial leader and rally to his call. Let's get out of our "quiet eddies" and turn up on deck at Calgary and trim our sails. There are clouds on the horizon.

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## THE C.C.F. AIM

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: Mr. I. V. Macklin has started a discussion in this column which deserves considerable thought on the part of C.C.F.ers in Alberta. We have just come through an election campaign in which the people turned down the C.C.F. program in no uncertain way. Now we should examine our position to see if we are on the "right track" politically, for obviously the electorate did not think so.

I was surprised at Mr. Macklin's suggestion that "socialism" does not describe the C.C.F. platform because we have repeatedly proclaimed our socialist aims. On the other hand, Mr. Williams and "J. J." go so far as to say that we are merely trying to put bigger and better patches on the capitalist system to make it work more smoothly.

The people of this country won't elect a C.C.F. government merely to patch up the capitalist system. So long as the system can be mended the old-line parties, including Social Credit, will gladly do the job. By the time the C.C.F. is elected in Canada the capitalist system won't be worth patching!

Until the Regina Manifesto is replaced as the C.C.F. platform, our policy will be socialist. I will quote very briefly from the famous document drawn up in Regina in 1933: "We aim to replace the present capitalist system, with its inherent injustice and inhumanity, by a social order from which the domination and exploitation of one class by another will be eliminated, in which economic planning will supersede unregulated private enterprise and competition, and in which genuine democratic self-government based upon economic equality will be possible." Again from the same source: "The C.C.F. aims at political power in order to put an end to this capitalist domination of our political life."

That is the C.C.F. aim: Take it or leave it. The people of this country are still satisfied with capitalism and vote accordingly. Until the need for a fundamental change, becomes obvious, the C.C.F. will remain as an alternative party in Canada.

ALFRED ARNTSON,  
Hay Lakes.

## GRIM JOKE

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: There were two items in a recent issue of the People's Weekly that didn't seem to jibe. One was that priceless excerpt from "Time" in the Third Column, "Beer for the Boys"—"Just Call me Henry!"—and the other the story about the Redwater farmers holding a mass meeting to protest against what they are not getting out of the oil find. And I wonder whose grim joke it was to name the M.L.A. for Redwater as the head of a delegation to see the government about it! That is too little and too late with a vengeance.

L. H. P.

Leduc.

## AMERICAN EMPIRE

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: Alberta's oil lands are already largely under lease to American companies. An American company controls Canadian nickel. Canadian iron ore deposits are al-

most all under American ownership. So is asbestos. In fact Canada is very largely part of the American economic empire. "Oh Canada we stand on guard for thee" doesn't apply to our natural resources.

But of course we must accept Premier Manning's solemn statement that we haven't given away any of our oil lands. We have only leased them. The term of the lease is just long enough to get all the oil out of the ground. Then the lessee will move off and we'll have our oil lands left to ourselves again. With all the oil gone. That's the difference between giving the oil lands away and not giving them away. A distinction without a difference.

ON GUARD.

Red Deer.

## LOWER STANDARD

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: The exploiters of the Canadian people are trying to keep the farmers and industrial workers apart. They tell the farmers that workers are getting higher and higher wages all the time. But they don't tell the whole truth.

The latest statistic put out by the Canadian Congress of Labor, using figures from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, show that in April, 1946, the average wage of Canadian workers was 68 cents an hour. The average on July 1st, 1948, was 92 cents. That looks like a big increase. But the increase in the cost of living in the same period has been such that the real earnings of Canadian workers are down, not up. Taking the index number of real earnings at 100 in 1946, the July, 1948, figure was 98.4. And prices have gone up since then.

The standard of living of the workers has gone down, not up, in the past two years.

R. S. TOMLINSON,  
Calgary.

## ANOTHER "ARGUMENT" GONE

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: Until lately the newspapers had a good reason why the people of Canada should steer clear of the C.C.F. The Canadian Congress of Labor had endorsed the C.C.F. The Canadian Congress of Labor was associated with the CIO. Therefore, it was "Red" and "Communist-dominated." Therefore, the C.C.F. was tied up with the Communists. It was all very simple.

But the newspaper headlines in the past couple of weeks have told about the way the C.C.F. has cracked down on the Communists. Therefore, it isn't "Red." Therefore, the C.C.F. can't be "Red" either! And bang goes another good "argument" against the C.C.F.!

S. O. KIRKPATRICK,  
Edmonton.

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School Trustees. If the people of Edmonton have abdicated their democratic functions to a small committee of self-appointed (and self-interested?) individuals, it would seem to be advisable to, at least, know the names of the fellows who say whom we are to have to rule over us.

CIVIC CITIZEN,

Edmonton.

## SUGGESTS "C.C.F. SUNDAY"

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: I have been an interested reader of your paper since its first publication. I am glad the two C.C.F. members were retained in the August election. And what representatives they are! Each one has the strength of ten anyway! They carry a heavy load and I had hoped with other C.C.F. people that we might send them more help.

I think we could strengthen the C.C.F. in the rural areas by more picnics and social gatherings and why not a C.C.F. Sunday as we used to have in the U.F.A. years ago. We would strengthen each other's convictions by more get togethers.

I wish to say with all the power at my command, by all means continue the Sermonette—strengthen it perhaps, but certainly not abolish it! We labor in vain unless the Lord build the House.

A READER,

Drumheller.

## APPROVES SOCIALIST LABEL

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: That "times were too good" undoubtedly accounts for the fact that the C.C.F. did not become the government of Alberta. It does not account for the fact that we lost ground. In other provinces, the C.C.F. is making boom time gains.

The Communist bogey was used to the limit this summer in Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Ontario. It was more effective here because we did not go all out in meeting the challenge. We played down our brand of Socialism instead of defending it.

A man in the vicinity of a robbery who runs or tries to hide when the cry "Stop Thief!" is heard, will at once be suspected

of guilt. When we tried to hide our Socialism behind silence; behind "safe" promises on which both Liberals and S.C. out-promised us; behind boasts that we were going to give handsome returns to Imperial Oil; we greatly assisted the Manning "Stop Thief" campaign.

Our Socialist label is unavoidable. Let us accept it proudly. For we can show that it is the only defence against totalitarianism; that it does not involve either need nor desire to continue socialization down to farms and small businesses; that it means more private ownership for the vast majority.

Let us go to the mat with Manning. We have what it takes.

H. E. BRONSON, Jr.

Cherhill.

## U.S. INVESTORS ARE GETTING RUN-AROUND

NEW YORK—Here's an amusing situation: A few months ago American businessmen got congress to write into the "Marshall Plan" a provision guaranteeing that, if an American corporation invested money in Europe, Uncle Sam would see that the company got its money and profits back in dollars. If necessary, the dollars would come out of American taxpayers' pockets.

This was such a "good thing" that, according to the Wall Street Journal, our businessmen "stamped" to Europe to find places to invest billions of dollars.

So far, however, the joke is on them. Governments of England and Europe have been giving the eager American investors a "run-around," the Journal says. Apparently those countries are "reserving" the profitable investment opportunities for their own businessmen.

"I'm glad to find you as well as you are," said the old friend. "Your great wealth hasn't changed you."

"Well," replied the candid millionaire, "it has changed me in one thing. I'm now 'eccentric' where I used to be impolite, and 'delightfully witty' where I used to be rude."

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Local 319 (Gainers)—Second Wednesday of each month; Ritchie Community Hall—8:30 p.m.  
Local 345 (Harty Co-op)—First Saturday of each month; U.P.W.A. Board Room—10:00 a.m.  
Local 388 (N.W. Mill)—Second Saturday of each month; U.P.W.A. Board Room—10:00 a.m.  
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## AMERICAN ELECTION

IT WOULD have been a very reckless, or exceedingly knowing, person who'd have wagered on the re-election of Harry Truman as President of the United States. Every sign, including the results of the various polls, seemed to indicate a Dewey victory.

But as we go to press it appears certain that Truman has been returned. It is established that both houses of Congress have been won by the Democrats. The outcome of the voting has left the political "observers" gasping. The new magazine *Time* has been telling its readers that Harry Truman himself was the only person in the United States who thought he would win.

There may be little fundamental difference between the Republican and Democratic parties. But it is nevertheless an indisputable fact that every reactionary and big business interest in the United States was backing Dewey and the Republicans. And the people of the country knew that if they elected a Republican President and a Republican Congress, they would be endorsing the Taft-Hartley law, the political witch-hunting and the refusal to curb prices or profits which constituted the record of the eightieth Congress.

The American people may not have moved very far to the left in their voting on Tuesday, but they very definitely refused to go to the right as it was predicted they would do.

## KEEP PRESSING FOR IT

IT MAY seem useless for farm and municipal organizations to be passing resolutions condemning the political power plebiscite conducted by the Alberta government, and to be demanding action by the government on rural electrification. But no such effort is ever wasted. The creation of strong public opinion is the only way in which social progress can be made.

If the people of the province had elected a C.C.F. government in August there would be no need for such resolutions. The project would have been on the way by this time. But neither the C.C.F. nor the *People's Weekly* is as much concerned about who gives the farmers electricity in their homes, as they are about them getting it. And so we urge all farm and other rural organizations to keep pressing for action on rural electrification.

## A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

CONGRATULATIONS are certainly due to the Alberta Wheat Pool on its twenty-fifth birthday. The pool in addition to bringing substantial monetary returns to its own members and patrons, has benefited all other farmers almost equally as much. The existence of a farmer-owned and farmer-operated grain handling agency, operating on the co-operative principle, has put millions of dollars into farmers' pockets which otherwise would have gone to the interests which "farm the farmer."

But the Pool has done something more. It has dispelled in the minds of a great many people the illusion that farmers were not capable of conducting their own affairs, or didn't know what they wanted or what was good for them. There is no business in this country that is conducted more efficiently or soundly than the Alberta Wheat Pool. It already has a splendid record of achievement. All the evidence points to even greater success in the future.

## MR. BOURCIER IS PURGED

MR. BOURCIER, ex-Chairman of the Social Credit Board and recently re-elected as member of the legislature for Lac St. Anne, has been purged. His conscience being awakened after the election he told the people of the province that the Manning administration had sold out to the "Big Shots." Now he is accusing it of "Stalinist" methods of liquidating the Social Crediters.

Unfortunately, Mr. Bourcier is in the embarrassing position of having been re-elected by asking the people of Lac St. Anne to "Give Manning a Mandate," a mandate which he knew then as he knows now, would be used to finally quench the already feeble flame of Social Credit. He no doubt now regrets having bowed the knee to Baal, especially when he must realize that he probably would have been elected anyway, as Arthur Wray was in Banff-Cochrane.

But there is joy in heaven over even one sinner come to repentance. So we congratulate Mr. Bourcier on having his conscience and courage revived. The time will come when he will be more honored as a "purgee" than will be the men who are doing the purging.

## THE THIRD COLUMN

SOMETHING ROTTEN AT MacMURRAY!

Camrose Canadian,  
September 8:

"One would have to be very convincing to persuade the Alberta public to believe that all the bad luck which has happened to the experiments on the Fort MacMurray tar sands were accidental. About three years ago we were talking with a man who had worked up round there for a summer and it was his opinion that all these 'accidents' were organized and not mere coincidents. There has been too much public money go into these tests to tolerate any further delay and any further 'fires' and 'accidents.'"



### MORE TESTIMONY

From an address by W. GARFIELD WESTON, chairman of the board of George Weston Limited at the 20th annual meeting of the company.

"Britain, today, faces the problems of the future, with the assurance that whatever comes she has a rising generation which will be physically capable of meeting the challenge. There is no question in my mind that the children of Britain are healthy. They are not being fed a luxurious diet but it is an adequate diet. These British children are the future generation—the men and women who will rule the country and I am pleased to report that they are eating enough."

"I feel plenty of evidence of the people's desire to rebuild, but no evidence of any undercurrent of unrest which was prevalent before the war and I am sure that the British Isles will continue to play an important part in the future peace and happiness of the world. Whatever changes may come in Britain in the next few years I believe they will be gradual and transitional, as is the British tradition."



### FREE ENTERPRISE DENTAL CARE

Labrador, Washington, October 16:

"Army chiefs announced this week that two of each three recruits needs so much dental treatment that the army dentists are 'swamped,' and just can't do the job."

"The teeth of the volunteers and draftees are so poor that, to get enough men, the army says it has to take anyone who 'has two jaws and 12 teeth.' That is only about one-third of the 32 teeth nature gave man."

"Now, of course, in the big majority of instances, these recruits have had teeth because their parents didn't have sufficient money to give them proper dental care."

"To handle this problem, the army is talking about drafting dentists. That would further increase the shortage of dentists to take care of the civilian population."

"Britain has the same problem, in even greater degree, because teeth in England are shockingly bad, especially among the poor."

"The British Labor government, however, has faced the issue and is meeting it by a system of 'health insurance' that provides dental and medical service for all, including the poor."

## UNSELFISH MOTIVATION

BY REV. G. A. SAUDER,  
Waskatenau

Who was neighbor to him?  
He that showed mercy.



FROM THIS most familiar of all New Testament stories we are brought face to face with one of the greatest and most essential requisites of true and worthy living, namely, unselfish motivation. This must underlie all worthwhile activities.

The word mercy is equivalent to and closely related to our word sympathy and signifies the real basis for generous deeds. The Samaritan really cared. Governed and prompted by such a motive, what could he do otherwise than come to the rescue of a stricken fellowman. The relationship of a real neighbor was thus brought into actuality. This result was the outcome of a deep motivation rather than by a mere act of mercy. Had the Priest and Levite been possessed by such a motive

they could never have passed by. Such high motivation is imperative.

By this token we ask "How can calamity, poverty, disease, cruelty and ignorance be brought to a minimum?" The answer goes beyond a mere gift or charitable act. Hence we visualize not one sufferer along some lonely Jericho road but all who suffer through the cruelty of a false, wasteful, selfish, competitive system.

Jesus possessed such a motive in a superlative degree. Hence He has merited an entrance card into every circle where man would be neighbor to man.

"Oh let no local Him refuse!"  
Comrade Jesus hath paid His dues.  
Whatever other be debarr'd,  
Comrade Jesus hath His card."

## Important to Important People

By J. E. COOK  
President, Alberta C.C.F.

URBAN representatives of business, from all across Canada, met in convention last week. Delegates from Chambers of Commerce of most cities and many towns, in Canada, flocked to a testimonial rally in Vancouver, B.C. "Big Business," with capital letters, has moved to determine its attitude to Mr. Average Person and to try to influence the attitude of Mr. Average Person toward big business.



These are important people in Canada. They are the men occupying economic positions that have ruled Canada, and still do. The theme of the meeting was pride in the product of their efforts. The list in support of that claim is impressive.

### A Capitalist Tree

Canada has a high standard of living compared to any country, except perhaps the U.S. where capitalism is in full control and it may be higher. There is a tremendous day by day flow of real consumer goods rushing into the hungry paw of an insatiable market. Dollar income is very high. There is no unemployment in an economic sense. There are annoying but minor shortages. There is a housing shortage, but literally thousands of houses are being hurried to a livable stage of construction. Since the great majority of Average Persons are producers, as well as consumers, there has been a balance of sorts between income and outgo, although high price levels do create a problem.

### Good Fruit

All in all, these are pretty good times. If this is the fruit by which capitalism is to be known, the convention at Vancouver might well have been a congratulatory holiday for an honored group of recognized public benefactors.

### Good Husbandry

To their credit, they maintained, was the fact that Canadians have been alerted to the menace of Communism. And there was agreement that under all the actualities of free enterprise, there should be proper appreciation on the part of Mr. Average Person.

But there was a note of urgency in the theme song, and its tempo. There is this danger of Communists: There is a fear that Socialism may lead Mr. Average Person from this flower-strewn path. There is, unfortunately, a haunting memory that dims this pleasant prospect. There were two shooting wars, world wide, and two great depressions in one generation, this generation. It takes more than four or five years of upward struggle to forget the depth of the hole.

### The Spray

So, plain in the purpose and in the program, of this convention, there loomed the need to advertise, to paint the brighter side of a contrasting picture, to propagandize, and mayhap to frighten Mr. Average Person with a dark future under any other leadership.

And, indeed, the news headlines of the world tend to contradict the bright shades of the capitalist picture for Canadians. There is speculation in high sources that it will be difficult to find a market for Canadian grain next year, if there is normal crop. There will be no shortage of hungry people. On the other side of the farm picture is the threat of drought, and grasshopper damage.

### The Disease Develops

There is speculation that not more than one more year of so-called prosperity lies between the people of this great continent, rich in raw material, equipped with machines, and efficient in technology, and another recession, or depression. So great an authority as the economic oracle, Roger Babson, is headlined as saying it is inevitable — unless war comes again before that time.

### Fire Threatens Orchard

There is this great danger of immediate outbreak of violence, involving not only those poor, unfortunate people of other continents, but our own Bill, Joe, and laughing Mary. This is the fruit of capitalism, too. There is this continuously widening gap between wages and prices, a gap that grows wider each time there is an increase in wages, an increase in profit and a BIG increase

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# CCF News Provincial Board Completes CCF Convention Arrangements

**Leighton, New Secretary**  
Mr. Roy Leighton, R.R. 4, Ponoka, has accepted the position of secretary of the Ponoka C.C.F. Constituency Association. Mrs. A. A. Kvestad, who has been one of the best of Association Secretaries resigned. The thanks of the C.C.F. in Alberta is due Mrs. Kvestad for an excellent job.

**To Nominate**  
Meeting in Andrew last week, the Board of the Vegreville Federal C.C.F. Constituency Association laid plans for a convention to be held in that constituency, leading to nomination in the federal field. Wm. Porayko, secretary, has so informed the provincial office. Look for further announcement later.

**Bazaar, November 23**  
An error was made last week in announcing that the women of the Lethbridge C.C.F. had held a bazaar on October 23rd. It was our fault. The date as set out (Continued on Page 6)

Representatives from each federal constituency as well as many of the candidates in the recent provincial election attended the Provincial Board meeting of the Alberta C.C.F. at the Buffalo hotel, Red Deer, October 23. The next meeting of the board will be held in Calgary on November 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Final arrangements were completed for the annual convention to be held at the Palliser hotel, Calgary, November 19 and 20 with a meeting of all C.C.F. candidates to be held the day previous.

William Irvine, M.P. for Cariboo, who will return early in November from his visit overseas will be the guest speaker at a convention supper meeting on Friday, November 19.

Activities of the Alberta C.C.F. during the past year were reviewed by the Board and plans made to carry on a vigorous presentation of C.C.F. policy. It was pointed out that the C.C.F. offers the only effective opposition to present administrations. By arousing public opinion the C.C.F. could, in the opinion of the Board, help counteract strong pressure brought on the government by private corporations greedy for control of the great natural resources of the province.

## Federal Nominations

The Board decided to ask the Federal constituency groups to call conventions to consider nominations for the Federal election, which is expected to be held before the end of 1949. Members of the Board, who anticipate a worth while fight in the federal field, stressed the danger of the next government of Canada being a coalition of Quebec and Ontario Tories under separate leadership together with the Tory Social Credit representatives from Alberta.

Elmer E. Roper, Provincial Leader of the C.C.F., was warmly assured of the confidence and support of the Board members and the C.C.F. membership. Mr. Roper and Mr. Liesemer were congratulated on the work they had done for the movement and the people of the province, both in the Legislature and in the C.C.F. publicity campaign.

## Resolutions

A committee was set up to draft a final policy presentation for the convention and to deal with all resolutions for the convention. Harold Bronson, is chairman of the committee. Resolutions from individuals, locals or constituency associations should be forwarded to the provincial office as early as possible for consideration and inclusion in the convention handbook.

## Tribute to J. H. Coldwell

Because of ill health and instructions from his doctor Mr. J. H. Coldwell, of Kathryn, member of the Board for Bow River, submitted his resignation. Ray Bell, of Carstairs was appointed to fill the vacancy until the next federal convention of the Bow River constituency.

Mr. Coldwell has been an active and effective member of the C.C.F. His resignation was accepted with deep regret by the Board and a resolution of appreciation for his loyalty and energetic support was passed.

## Women's C.C.F. Meeting At Mrs. East's Mon.

The Women's C.C.F. Club is holding its monthly meeting on Monday, November 8, at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. East, 11230 - 99 Avenue.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



**HAROLD BRONSON,**  
2nd Vice-President of the Alberta C.C.F., who has been appointed chairman of the Resolutions and Policy Committee in connection with the annual provincial convention in Calgary on November 19 and 20.

## Ontario Women Confer

## WORKSHOP ON 'HOW TO RUN ELECTIONS'

TORONTO (C.P.A.)—C.C.F. women from 30 provincial ridings gathered at Toronto, for the second annual Ontario C.C.F. Women's conference recently.

Four discussion groups were held on "Planning a Program for Women's Groups". Two sessions were devoted to workshops on "How to Run an Election Campaign."

## Four Workshops

In the first workshop, Eamon Park, M.L.A., public relations director of the United Steelworkers of America, described how to handle election publicity, including the preparation of window cards, posters, leaflets and newspaper and radio publicity.

The second workshop, led by Andrew Andras, assistant research director of the Canadian Congress of Labor, discussed the duties of the campaign manager and election committee.

The third covered "Organizing a Riding for an Election", including canvassing, literature distribution, getting out the vote on election day, and district organization.

The fourth demonstrated "How to Run a Committee Room" and "How to Organize Work on Election Day".

At the banquet Saturday night, Mrs. J. S. Woodworth spoke on "Wider Horizons", emphasizing the importance of women taking a deeper interest in community affairs. Miss Agnes Macphail, M.L.A., only woman in the Ontario legislature, chaired the meeting. E. B. Jolliffe, M.L.A., C.C.F. Provincial Leader, spoke on "The Challenge to Women, 1948". He discussed the effect of the rising cost of living in the home and emphasized the necessity of women organizing to make their opinions felt.

Mrs. Marjorie Mann, Ottawa, was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year.

Willie: "Mama, do people that lie ever go to heaven?"

Mother: "Why, of course not, Willie."

Willie: "Gee! I bet it's lonesome up in heaven with only God and George Washington."

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## SORRY!

Sometimes there is a reasonable explanation for errors that creep into a paper which is turned out at top speed, but last week's "boner" doesn't seem to be in that category. As many of our readers noted, the pictures of Ben S. Plumer, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool, and R. D. Purdy, Manager, were transposed, with Mr. Plumer's picture appearing over Mr. Purdy's name and vice versa.

Our humble apologies!

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# CCF First-Term Program AGRICULTURE

The aims of the C.C.F. agricultural program are two-fold. First, to protect the farmer against the insecurity, fluctuations in income and low returns which have been the dominant features of Canadian agriculture in the past. Second, to improve productivity and efficiency on the farms so as to provide adequate supplies of nutritional foods for the Canadian people and the maximum for export.

The C.C.F. therefore proposes:

1. A system of guaranteed or forward prices. Minimum prices will be established well ahead of the planting or breeding season to enable farmers to plan their production in advance without worrying about market fluctuations.

2. Enactment of a National Marketing Act, and the establishment, with producer and consumer representation, of marketing boards for all agricultural products which enter into inter-provincial or export trade.

3. Orderly world marketing based on long-term international agreements.

#### Development of Co-ops

4. Assistance in the development of co-ops, commodity groups and other farm organizations for orderly marketing.

5. Elimination of speculation in the marketing of foods.

6. Adoption of the "over normal granary" principle. The Federal Government will assume the major responsibility for financing the

storage of sufficient feed and seed grains to ensure a continuous supply. It will also construct strategic storage facilities itself and will assist provincial and local governments as well as farmers to build supplementary facilities in all appropriate areas.

7. Freeing the farmers from the domination of private monopolies by a program of public and co-operative ownership in such fields as farm machinery, fertilizers and meat-packing.

8. A program of crop insurance in co-operation with the provinces, applied in the first instance to such commodities as wheat, coarse grains and flax, to be extended to other crops such as fruit and potatoes, as detailed records of production are built up.

#### Long-Term Credit

9. Long-term credit to farmers at cost of service.

10. Extension of the principle of P.F.R.A. to all parts of Canada, and a vigorous program, in co-operation with the provinces, of:

- (1) Soil conservation,
- (2) Irrigation and similar projects,
- (3) Drainage,
- (4) Reforestation,
- (5) Flood control.

11. In co-operation with the provinces, the construction of better rural housing, with modern conveniences, for farmers and farm workers, and assistance in providing rural electrification,

health services and community centres with facilities for recreation, adult education and social activities.

#### Research Services

12. Extension of research services to improve and advance agricultural production, to assist in the fight against crop and animal diseases and pests, and to stimulate industrial use of farm products.

13. Co-operation with the provinces to ensure security of tenure on the farm.

This comprehensive program for Canadian agriculture will be closely related to progress in the rest of the economy. Thus industrial expansion and full employment, together with a vigorous, planned international trade program, will guarantee increased demand and a good price for farm products on the domestic and in the export markets. The socialization of some major industries such as steel, farm machinery, packing and fertilizer, will keep the farmer's costs at a reasonable level. National housing and health programs and a national social security system will raise the living standards of the farm people as they will those of city workers. For the first time it will become possible, through parity prices for farm products, to guarantee the farmer a fair share of the national income and a fair relationship between his returns and his costs.



Among the first contingent of European displaced persons embarking for the U.S. at Bremerhaven, Germany, is this elderly lady, assisted by fellow passengers. A limited group of DP's is being admitted under recent congressional act, which has been widely condemned for discriminating against Jewish and Catholic immigrants.

## C.C.F. News

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In a letter from Mrs. Anne Peters, active worker in the southern city, was November 23rd. This is future business.

#### Constituency Meeting

A meeting of the Board of directors of Alexandra Provincial Constituency Association is to be

held on Monday, November 8, according to a note from Gordon Inglis, secretary.

#### Hotel Reservations

How about your reservation for a room at Calgary for convention days, November 19 - 20? There is an important meeting of candidates and Board members on November 18. Both in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary.

## Pollsters

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dent over Franklin D. Roosevelt. Landon carried just two states—Maine and Vermont—and the "Literary Digest's" backers were so chagrined they went out of business.

#### Makes A Fortune

"Dr." Gallup came forward to take the space vacated by the "Literary Digest." He has made a fortune out of his polls, but Moscow recalls a few of the facts of history.

"It happens that in neither of the last two key elections—1940 and 1944—did the Gallup Poll predict the re-election of President Roosevelt."

Then there was the Dunn Poll, which predicted the election of Landon in '36 and four years later announced that Willkie would be the victor.

Moscow gives any number of other examples. He warns his readers that polls may be used for evil—that is, if people pay any attention to them. He also emphasizes that there is no way, in most cases, to check on their accuracy.

For example, "Dr." Gallup may announce, early in a presidential year, that Candidate "A" is away out in front as the people's choice for the Republican nomination and that Candidate "B" is trailing behind with perhaps 8 per cent of the total returns. How can anyone on earth tell whether the pollster is right or wrong, whether he is honest or on the payroll of the men who are backing Candidate "A"?

The people evidently took the advice of "Labor," Washington railroaders' publication, which advised its readers not to pay any attention to the polls but to put

their favorite over by going to the polls and voting for him. It advised: "Don't imagine any man can look into a crystal ball or chat with a few people on street corners and tell how this election is going."

## AVERAGE MAN CAN'T AFFORD AUTOS NOW

NEW YORK.—Automobile manufacturers are "pricing themselves out of the market" by raising their prices so high the average man cannot buy a new car. As a result, people are "shifting to used cars" of old models, as they cannot afford "new-used" cars either.

That warning was spoken at the National Used Car Dealers' Association convention here recently, by Arthur J. Morris, president of the Morris Plan Bank and chairman of the Industrial Bank of Commerce, both of which have had long experience in financing automobile purchases.

To keep the "mass consumer market", Morris said, manufacturers must produce "a smaller car at a cheaper price—to deliver at between \$1,000 and \$1,500."

## Pensions are Proposed For Parliamentarians

MELBOURNE.—A plan to provide a pension for retired or defeated members of Federal Parliament is to be considered by the Parliamentary Labor Party. It is expected to provide that a pension should be payable only after a member has served three terms in Parliament. Members would have to contribute to the pension fund. If the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party approves the plan, the Government will probably prepare legislation immediately. The attitude of the Opposition Parties is not yet known.

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# "No Need to Nationalize Everything" New Zealand Socialists Say

By Maurice Kitching

WELLINGTON, N.Z.—A favorite form of anti-socialist propaganda in New Zealand some years ago was the threat that under socialism the State would do away with all private ownership. Opponents of the Labor party painted a stark picture of a nation of robots, all working for the State and kept by the State, with no room at all for the individual differences that make life interesting.

New Zealanders were warned that the policy of the Labor party was nationalization — of everything — so that no one would be allowed to own much more than the clothes he wore and the cigarettes he smoked.

This line of political talk has failed lamentably in New Zealand. For 13 years the people have kept a Labor government in power that has carried out socialization where it was thought necessary and has left private enterprise to

do the job where it was clear that private enterprise could do the job better.

Prime Minister Chifley of Australia (though 1,200 miles from New Zealand is like it in many ways) said the other day that his Labor government did not want to bother with nationalizing ice cream and permanent waves. It's the same in New Zealand.

Here the nationalized industries are the railways, main line air transport services, the post office (including telephones), radio, and the generation of hydro electricity. All these services, except radiocasting and air lines, were state monopolies before the advent of Labor.

A wider sphere of state activity in New Zealand is in what might be termed semi-nationalization, where state enterprise competes on equal terms with private enterprise. Examples are insurance (fire, life, and accident), banking (the state owns the biggest trading bank but there are several others), the legal profession (the Public Trust Office does lawyers' work), coal mining and timber milling.

#### Where Necessary

The New Zealand Labor government has been criticized by its opponents for too much nationalization and at the same time by people of the opposite political extreme for too little nationalization.

In fact it knows very well that the majority of its supporters do not want nationalization for its own sake, but do want it where it is necessary. That is why in New Zealand today there are existing side by side three forms of industrial activity—the completely nationalized, the partly state-operated, and the completely privately operated.

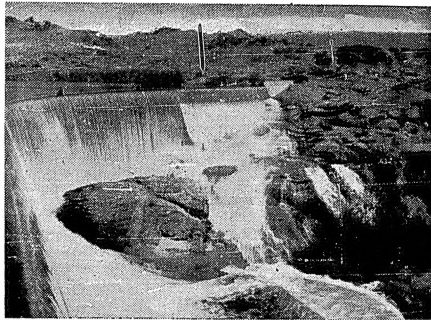
#### What People Wanted

Minister of Transport Fred Hackett, as good a socialist as anyone in New Zealand, said the other day that the government would be guided by what the people wanted, and that nationalization would be implemented where powerful industries tried to strangle other industries. But there would be no nationalization or socialization just for its own sake, and his experience led him to believe that they would have private enterprise much longer than they thought ten years ago. With which sentiments most New Zealanders will agree.

Pat and Mike were drinking whiskey when Pat noticed that Mike kept his eyes closed.

Says Pat: "And why do you keep your eyes shut while drinking?"

Mike replied: "Well, it's this way, Pat, when I keep my eyes open I see the whiskey—it makes my mouth water—and I like my whiskey straight!"



There has been no nationalization or socialization just for its own sake in New Zealand or in any other country where Socialists have been elected to power. Water supplies and the generation of hydro electricity are of course publicly owned. Manoburn Dam, above, is near Galloway, Otago, South Island, New Zealand. The reservoir supplies water for domestic use in Galloway.

## It May Be A

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there were 28,000 after currency reform.

Of course there is nothing new about an occurrence of that sort. That is a commonplace in a capitalist economy.

#### British—U.S. Differences

Incidentally, all does not go smoothly between the British and American economic policies. The British favor socialized industry while the Americans are all out for private enterprise and a theoretic "free for all" economy. America with its financial strength and economic power tends to dominate the situation in favor of free enterprise, a fact which is not well received by responsible British officials in Germany.

But that is not the most serious thing in this connection. Far more important is the likelihood that an uncontrolled profiteering system will break down in Germany just as it has from time to time broken down in America. And if and when that occurs the Americans will be hard put to prevent Communism sweeping on to the channel.

Social and economic security alone can prevent the sweep of Communism in Europe. In insisting on the old "laissez faire" individualism the Americans may be opening the door to admit what they have been trying so diligently to bar the door against.

There are three possible courses:

1. The withdrawal of the British and Americans from Berlin.

2. The transportation by air-lift of sufficient food and fuel to maintain two or three million people in Berlin.

3. The driving of an armed force through the Russian zone to clear a corridor to Berlin.

The first would be regarded as a great victory for the Russians. The Western allies might have refused at the beginning to enter Berlin unless an open corridor were guaranteed. But it is practically impossible to withdraw now.

The second possibility, that of maintaining the air-lift especially in the winter time, is well nigh impossible and is fraught with all the dangers of a clash such as Russia precipitated by conducting aerial operations recently in the British airline.

The third move if successful would ease the tension providing the Russians agreed not to op-

## Finnemores Back

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shortages, housing is still inadequate but here again striking progress is being made. He cited 3-bedroom homes built by municipalities and renting for \$20 a month.

#### Still Difficult

While amazing advances have been made in providing social services and production is increasing, Mr. Finnemore warns that Britain is in for "a bad time" for a year or two unless the economic situation changes and the threat of war eases. Aid is still required from America, he said.

Mr. Finnemore met the British Minister of Labor, Hon. George Isaacs, as well as Fred Henderson, author of "The Case for Socialism," whom he interviewed at his home in Norwich.

## CCL SUPPORTS NEW STATE OF ISRAEL

TORONTO, (CPA).—A standing, unanimous vote of the CCL convention in morning session October 14, gave full support to the new state of Israel. It called on the Canadian government to recognize the new state and establish diplomatic and trade relations, and extended greetings to the Israeli Labor Federation.

#### Rabbi Opens Sessions

The session had been opened by Rabbi Fineberg, who called on labor unions in Canada to see, as their next task, that no worker in Canada is restricted in his employment because of race, creed or color. Rabbi Fineberg reminded delegates that the new state of Israel is governed by a labor party, dominated in its social, political and economic outlook by the working man.

Each session of the convention was opened by ministers of different religious denominations, each of whom praised the far-reaching work of the CCL National Committee for Racial Tolerance.

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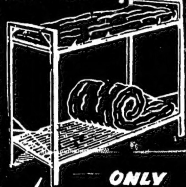
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## Daily Press

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C.C.F. making a substantial gain, after recent provincial elections had indicated that their strength as a whole was waning in both Ontario and Saskatchewan."

Referring to the poor showing made by Social Credit in Algoma East, the Journal observes that the results "must be particularly disappointing, since their standard-bearer there, J. J. Fitzgerald, is the provincial leader of the party, and was running in his home district. It has been demonstrated once again how little support Social Credit has outside Alberta."

In Rosthern, Saskatchewan, a drop in the C.C.F. vote from 4,678 in 1945 to 3,238 is not regarded as serious by the party, which can point to a reduced total vote as part explanation. Rosthern is one of the few really hard-core Liberal regions in the province. It elected Walter Tucker with a fair majority in the last three general elections, and put him in the provincial house as opposition leader last June.

### Tory Vote Went S.C.

The Conservatives, by failing to run a man in either contest, have added nothing to their prestige in the country, though they are trying hard to look righteous over not opposing the new Foreign Affairs Minister in Algoma East. This reason certainly has no bearing in Rosthern. In both constituencies it is generally accepted that the Tory vote went Social Credit—a significant commentary on the "funny money" party which started out a few years ago with a message of reform and salvation.



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## Personal Stuff

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of an election year. It was only the direst necessity that made the provincial executive send out such an appeal. For another thing, it went out at the very busiest time of the year, at a time when farmers were working from before daylight until after dark to get the crop in. It was so easy to put a letter aside at a time like that and forget to attend to it. But hundreds of you have already done it. I'm convinced that most of you will do it before the provincial convention. I'll be disappointed if you don't but I certainly won't feel like scolding anyone, directly or indirectly.

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But since we have drifted on to this kind of a subject there is one thing about which I would like to stir you up a bit if I can. It's your subscription to the People's Weekly. On the front page last week, and this week too, was a box headed "Important Notice." It was about subscriptions which expired in July or earlier and have not been renewed. Or if any of them have been renewed the records are wrong. I wish I could tell you how we feel when we lose a reader. Or maybe you do know. Have you ever been trying to say something that you think very important when the chap to whom you were saying it turned his back and walked away? Maybe you've never had that happen to you, but you won't have any trouble imagining how you'd feel if it did happen. Well, we feel we've lost a friend when we lose a People's Weekly reader. And no one likes to lose a friend. So, brother, if the address label on the right hand corner of this issue indicates that your subscription has expired, or is soon to expire, please do the thing necessary to keep it alive, won't you? That applies particularly to those whose label reads July or earlier.

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To get back to that "tired radical" stuff. It would be a mistake to think that such a term applies only to fellows who have been up in the front lines. So-called leaders. They have no right to quit because the going is tough, or because their team doesn't seem to be winning. But they have more right to quit than the fellows who haven't been working as hard as they have. They've done more to get "tired." And so when I hear a fellow criticized because he has dropped out of the race, I take a look at the chap who is doing the criticizing, to see with what zeal and enthusiasm he is pressing toward the goal. But pshaw! What's all this got to do with Alberta C.C.F.'ers!

The Liberals have been giving much thought to finding a new leader. Now finding followers is also causing them considerable worry.

## Democratic

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Democracies are turning to socialism because it is more efficient, Mr. Liesemer averred. Berett of its foreign investments which went to pay for two world wars, the people of Britain were forced to get rid of the luxury of inefficient private production in many fields, and to substitute the greater efficiency of people's planning for use, instead of monopoly planning for monopoly profit, he stated.

The British coal mining industry was an example of capitalist inefficiency, he contended. And, he reminded the audience, "there isn't a manufacturer today in Britain who would vote to put the coal mines back into the hands of so-called free enterprise. They could not afford such inefficiency in the nation's economy."

In referring to Ontario's publicly-owned production and distribution of electricity, Mr. Liesemer said, "there isn't a manufacturer in Ontario today who would vote to return the Ontario hydro into private hands."

On the other hand "Premier Manning in the recent election led the people of Alberta into the hands of the power monopoly thus setting back rural electrification as well as retarding the movement of manufacturing industries into this province." The people of Alberta will some day discover the need for co-operative socialism, he declared, and join with their fellow Canadians in the great movement that leads to economic freedom of the people.

### Great Strides Forward

He mentioned the Wheat Pools and other co-op and publicly owned enterprises as evidence of the fact that Canada had already made great strides toward co-operative socialism. There are many more fields where the efficiency and freedom of socialism is urgently needed, he contended. For, he said, it is only under democratic socialism that taxes can be reduced, houses built and health services provided.

"Already this need for the efficiency of democratic socialism is being reflected in the growth of the C.C.F. across Canada," said Mr. Liesemer. He referred to the recent Gallup Poll which indicated an increase of 16% in C.C.F. strength. He reminded the radio audience too that the C.C.F. forms the government of Saskatchewan, is the official opposition in British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario, and the only real opposition in the House of Commons at Ottawa. It has forced a coalition of Liberals and Conservatives in B.C. and

Saskatchewan and of the two old parties and the Social Crediters in Manitoba.

### No Difference

There is really no difference between the old line parties and Manning's Social Credit administration, he contended. Premier Manning, he said, "has long been busy giving away our oil resources to private monopoly capitalism and since the election he is busier than ever." He pointed also to the McMurray tar sands plant, worth about half a billion dollars, which the government proposed to sell at cost to some private organization. The provincial administration had already spent about a million dollars of the people's money in developing this project, he explained.

He promised that both he and Mr. Roper, provincial leader, would continue to press in the legislature for a health scheme, a 50% provincial contribution to education, rural electrification under public ownership, well built highways, adequate care of the aged, mentally ill, the children, the blind and the crippled.

### Community Leaders

He pointed out that one of the ways in which monopoly capitalism "tries to hold its economic dictatorship a little longer is by frightening the voters about C.C.F. people." Yet, he said, most of the C.C.F. officers and candidates are leaders in their communities. They were people like Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Sanders who were recently lauded by residents of the Wainwright district for their public-spirited devotion to the community. He also mentioned the great contribution made to every worthwhile project by men like Elmer E. Roper, C.C.F. provincial leader.

Little-minded politicians with their false accusations might postpone for a little while the inevitable forward march of the people, said Mr. Liesemer, but we know that "just as surely as the sunrise follows the night so surely will democratic co-operative socialism lead men out of the economic dictatorship of monopoly and into the new and final freedom toward which this world has been striving through all past history."

## Important To

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in price. This is part of the fruit of capitalism, too. It makes an increasing difficulty for an increasing number of Average Persons to make personal income meet personal necessity.

### The Uncertain Harvest

There is hilarity and fear. There is high profit, and deep loss. There is interesting struggle and big returns for the lucky or skillful venture. But there has been a grudging gain in social security. Hospitals still use collection agencies. The great strides in medicine are more and more costly, our senior citizens, past the days of income, suffer more and more deprivation.

### The Barrage

The Chambers of Commerce are girding themselves, not for an economic readjustment to meet the needs of Canadian Average Persons, but to fill the airways, the newspapers, the magazines, the pulpits, and the forums, with a smothering bombardment of word bombs. These are important people that met in Vancouver, and it is important, to them, that they stay important.

Capitalism has produced periods of boom before. Capitalism has produced the busts. This boom is nearing its end, the bust comes.

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## Farmers' Costs

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farm wages, and farm family living costs. The operating costs alone, without the cost of living for his family, show an even higher increase of 23.9 in the past year.

Eastern farmers' costs rose between April and August as follows: equipment and materials, 2.6; wage rates, 23; living costs, 5.

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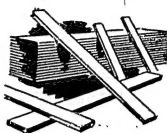
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